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SUBJ: CA ELECTION RESULTS

1. OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS NOT RPT NOT YET AVAILABLE AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE UNTIL END OF WEEK. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO FAR AVAILABLE CORRECTS OR UPDATES THAT CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. GVN HAS BEEN USING AS FINAL REGISTRATION FIGURES 5,289,652 RPT 5,289,652 RATHER THAN 5,288,512 REPORTED PREVIOUSLY. THIS INCREASE OF 1,140 RPT 1,140 DOES NOT ALTER PERCENTAGE TURNOUT, WHICH REMAINS 80.8 PERCENT RPT 80.8 PERCENT.

3. PROVINCE FIGURES AMENDED ARE:

A. I CORPS - DANANG: PERCENTAGE OF INVALID VOTES IS 9.2 PERCENT RPT 9.2 PERCENT INSTEAD OF 9.6 PERCENT REPORTED REFTEL.

B. II CORPS - NO CHANGES.

C III CORPS - BIEN HOA PROVINCE: FIGURES REPORTED

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REFTEL ARE FINAL UNOFFICIAL AND NOT INCOMPLETE AS STATED.

D. IV CORPS - GO CONG PROVINCE: TURNOUT WAS 29,619 RPT 29,619 INSTEAD OF 20,619 REPORTED REFTEL. PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS, [illegible].1, IS CORRECT. WINNING CANDIDATE'S PERCENTAGE OF NUMBER OF VOTERS IS 42.95 RPT 42.95, NOT 61.7.

4. WE HAVE NOW IDENTIFIED 20 RPT 20 MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY, AS REPORTED BY GVN, BUT ARE NOT CERTAIN THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT SAME 20; BELIEVE THEY MAY BE COUNTING ONE OR MORE RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS, WHEREAS

WE ARE COUNTING ONLY THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY BUT ARE INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE RECENTLY-MOBILIZED OFFICER WHO IS NOT SO IDENTIFIED ON GVN LIST. MILITARY WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GIA DINH 1 -ARVN MAJOR NGUYEN QUI AN

B. GIA DINH 2 - ARVN CAPTAIN NGUYEN VAN PHAT

C. UUANG NGAI - ARVN MAJOR NGUYEN VAN CHUYEN

D. QUANG TIN - ARVN CAPTAIN TON THAT UAN

E. CAM RANH - VNN LIEUTENANT NGUYEN HUU TO

F. BINH DINH - ARVN MAJOR NGO VAN NHAM, MEDICAL CORPS

G. BINH THUAN - ARVN CAPTAIN NGUYEN DUY CUNG, MEDICAL CORPS

H. KONTUM - ARVN CAPTAIN HUU LAM, MEDICAL CORPS

I. KONTUM (MONTAGNARD SEAT) - ARVN LIEUTENANT PEANG, ALIAS NGUYEN VAN PHIEN

J. KHANH HOA - ARVN CAPTAIN PHAM KE TOAI, MEDICAL CORPS

K. PLEIKU - ARVN CAPTAIN NGO THANH TUNG

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L. TUYEN DUC (NORTHERN MONTAGNARD) -ARVN COLONEL DAM VAN QUY

M. BINH LONG - ARVN MAJOR LY TRONG LE

N. LONG KHANH -FIRST LIEUTENANT NGUYEN MINH DANG, PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS TEACHER, RECENTLY MOBILIZED

AND SERVING IN REGIONAL/POPULAR FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

O. TAY NINH - ARVN MAJOR NGUYEN CAO KIEN

P. AN GIANG - ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL LE UUANG LIEM

Q. BA XUYEN - ARVN CAPTAIN NGUYEN DAT DAN

R. BAC LIEU - ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL NGUYEN VAN BE

S. DINH TUONG - ARVN CAPTAIN LE THIEN DIEN, MEDICAL CORPS

T. KIEN GIANG (CAMBODIAN SEAT) - REGIONAL FORCE - PRIVATE DANH THU

5. WE HAVE NOTED PREVALENCE OF MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS AMONG MILITARY WINNERS (AS WE DID AMONG CANDIDATES WHEN BACKGROUNDING PRESS) BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THEM HAVE PRIMARY LOYALTIES OTHER THAN MILITARY. SOME MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO RUN BY PROVINCE CHEFS OR DIVISION COMMANDERS BECAUSE OF THEIR SUPERIOR EDUCATION AND POPULARITY IN RESPECTIVE PROVINCES. HOWEVER, OFFICERS THEMSELVES UNDOUBTEDLY COUNT ON BEING DEMOBILIZED FOR DURATION OF ASSEMBLY. (MAJOR NHAM OF BINH DINH TOLD EMBOFF HE HOPED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WOULD TURN ITSELF INTO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SO THAT HIS ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF DEMOBILIZATION WOULD BE FURTHER EXTENDED.) FINALLY, SOME OF MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS MAY

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SEE THEMSELVES IN VIETNAMESE POLITICO-MEDICAL TRADITION OF PHAN HUY QUAT, NGUYEN TON HOAN, PHAN QUANG DAN, TRAN VAN DO, DANG VANG SUNG, HOANG CO BINH, ETC.

6. SIMILARLY, OF THE 18 CIV SERVANTS CITED REFTEL (FINAL COUNT MAY VARY SLIGHTLY) WE BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST THREE OWE PRIMARY LOYALTY TO VNQDD; ONE IS BELIEVED TO BE TAN DAI VIET; AT LEAST TWO ARE NORTHERN CATHOLICS; TWO ARE KHMERS; ONE IS HOA HAO; AND ONE IS MONTAGNARD. EVEN CONSIDERING THAT SOME OF THE EIGHT LAWYERS AND 23 EDUCATORS CITED PARA 10 REFTEL ARE ON GVN PAYROLL AS JUDGES OR TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THEY AND CIVIL SERVANTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY RESPONSIVE TO WISHES OF GVN.

7. WE CITE THESE FACTS AND FIGURES TO SUPPORT OUR PREDICTION THAT DIRECTORATE WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY ACHIEVE A "BLOCKING THIRD" OF ASSEMBLY, MUCH LESS A DOMINANT VOICE, AND OUR CONTENTION THAT IT HAS NOT DONE SO. WE TRUST DEPARTMENT WILL USE THIS INFORMATION IN COUNTERING ALLEGATIONS THAT CANDIDATES WERE "HAND-PICKED" OR THAT WINNERS ARE BY ANY MEANS A "TAME" GROUP. LODGE
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